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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/893,340

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: SURFACE FINISHING OF SOI  
SUBSTRATES USING AN EPI  
PROCESS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2640

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.